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DAY 205 – A POTENTIAL TRUMP-PEZESHKIAN MEETING AT THE UNGA: TRUMP SAYS HE WOULD "PROBABLY BE OPEN" TO MEETING IRAN'S PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK, AND IRAN HAS CONVEYED CONDITIONS FOR RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS – A SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC PROSPECT – EVEN AS TRUMP WEIGHS HIS NEXT MILITARY MOVE, THE HOUTHIS STRIKE NEAR RIYADH AIRPORT, AND IRAN WARNS GULF STATES AGAINST SUPPORTING US STRIKES. THE STRAIT STAYS SHUT. THE IRAN-UAE THAW STANDS – NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS

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⚠ **MAXIMUM ALERT:** THE AMBIVALENT PICTURE HAS CONTINUED, BUT WITH A SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC PROSPECT EMERGING AHEAD OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EVEN AS THE HARDER TONE PERSISTS; THE STRAIT REMAINS SHUT AND THE ALERT REMAINS AT MAXIMUM. President Trump has said he would "probably be open" to meeting Iran's President Pezeshkian in New York this week, at the UN General Assembly, and Iran has conveyed to Washington, through mediators, a list of conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending its blockade of the Strait – a significant diplomatic prospect, and potentially the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war. But President Trump is simultaneously weighing his next military move; the Houthis have struck near Riyadh airport in Saudi Arabia and stepped up their attacks; and Iran has warned regional countries against supporting renewed US strikes, a threat to the Gulf states. The Strait remains effectively shut, and the easing threads and the Iran-UAE thaw continue. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT, keeps both phases suspended, holds readiness at a high level, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

⚖ **MIXED SIGNALS:** A DIPLOMATIC PROSPECT AGAINST A PERSISTENT HARDER TONE. The picture remains ambivalent, but tilts, on the diplomatic side, toward a potentially significant development. President Trump has said he would probably be open to meeting President Pezeshkian at the UN General Assembly this week – a prospect that, if realised, would be the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war and a potential breakthrough; Iran has conveyed a list of conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending its blockade of the Strait; and the easing threads – recovering Saudi oil supplies, the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce, the Houthi pledge not to attack the US or non-Saudi commercial vessels, and the Iran-UAE thaw – continue. On the harder side: President Trump is simultaneously weighing his next military move; the Houthis have struck near Riyadh airport and stepped up their attacks on Saudi Arabia; Iran has warned regional countries against supporting US strikes; and the Strait remains shut. The prospect of a Trump-Pezeshkian meeting is the most significant diplomatic signal yet, but it is unconfirmed and set against a persistent harder tone.

⚠ **ASSESSMENT:** THE PROSPECT OF A MEETING IS SIGNIFICANT – BUT UNCONFIRMED, AND THE ALERT STAYS AT MAXIMUM. The prospect of a Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UN General Assembly is the most significant diplomatic development of this phase, and, if realised, could open a path to a de-escalation and an end to the war; that President Trump is open to it, and that Iran has conveyed conditions for negotiations, suggests both sides may be edging toward direct contact. But it should not be over-read. President Trump said only that he would probably be open to a meeting, not that one is arranged; his signals are unreliable, and he is weighing a major escalation at the same time; Iran's conditions – the lifting of the blockade, the end of the war – remain far from the US position; and the Strait remains shut, with the Houthis attacking Saudi Arabia and Iran warning the Gulf states. The prospect is significant but unconfirmed, and the underlying reality is unchanged. For UAE clients, the posture remains MAXIMUM with high readiness, and Iran's warning to the Gulf states is a reminder that a US escalation could draw the UAE in. There is NO CONFIRMED STRIKE on UAE territory.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 205 – A DIPLOMATIC PROSPECT AHEAD OF THE UNGA

The ambivalent picture has continued, but with a significant diplomatic prospect emerging ahead of the UN General Assembly, even as the harder tone persists; the Strait remains effectively shut and the alert remains at MAXIMUM. On the diplomatic side, President Trump has said he would probably be open to meeting Iran's President Pezeshkian in New York this week, at the UN General Assembly – a prospect that, if realised, would be the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war; and Iran has conveyed to Washington, through mediators, a list of conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending its blockade of the Strait, having presented its terms through Qatar and other mediators. On the harder side, President Trump is simultaneously weighing his next military move, cutting short his weekend as tensions rose; the Houthis have struck near Riyadh airport in Saudi Arabia, with flames and smoke reported, and have stepped up their attacks on the kingdom; Iran has warned regional countries that supporting renewed major US strikes against it could bring retaliation, a threat to the Gulf states; and the Strait remains effectively shut, with Iran continuing to operate its toll system. The easing threads of recent days – recovering Saudi oil supplies, the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce, the Houthi pledge, and the Iran-UAE thaw – continue, and oil remains historically elevated as markets balance recovering Saudi supplies against the continuing Strait disruption. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE in the latest period. Westminster Security MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALERT with readiness at a high level, keeps both phases suspended, and advises clients to complete departures, protect energy and water resilience, and suspend all Strait transits.

Where Things Stand

Element	Status (as of 0900 GMT Sunday 20 September)
Alert level	**MAXIMUM (held), high readiness.** Both phases suspended. A diplomatic prospect, but the Strait stays shut. Complete departures; high readiness; suspend all Strait transits.
Trump-Pezeshkian meeting	**A PROSPECT.** Trump says he would "probably be open" to meeting Pezeshkian at the UNGA this week – potentially the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war. Unconfirmed.
Iran's conditions	Iran has conveyed, via mediators, a list of conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending the blockade – the lifting of the blockade, the end of the war. Far from the US position.
Trump tone	**WEIGHS A MILITARY MOVE.** Trump is simultaneously weighing his next military move; Iran warns regional countries against supporting US strikes – a threat to the Gulf.
Yemen front	**HOUTHIS STRIKE NEAR RIYADH.** The Houthis struck near Riyadh airport and stepped up attacks on Saudi Arabia; Trump says the Houthis agreed not to attack the US. A truce is proposed.

Strait of Hormuz	**STILL SHUT.** The Strait remains effectively shut; Iran operates its toll system. Oil remains historically elevated; easing threads continue.
UAE territory	**NO CONFIRMED STRIKE.** No confirmed strike on UAE soil, ports or infrastructure; no new attack near the UAE. The Iran-UAE thaw stands. Airports open.

WS Assessment: The prospect of a Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UN General Assembly is the most significant diplomatic development of this phase, and could open a path to a de-escalation; but it is unconfirmed, set against President Trump's weighing of a military move, the Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia, Iran's warning to the Gulf, and a shut Strait. The alert stays at MAXIMUM with high readiness; clients should watch the UNGA closely while holding posture, and note Iran's warning that a US escalation could draw the Gulf in.

2. A POTENTIAL TRUMP-PEZESHKIAN MEETING AT THE UNGA – THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROSPECT YET

- **Trump open to a meeting:** President Trump has said he would probably be open to meeting Iran's President Pezeshkian in New York this week, at the UN General Assembly, when asked whether he would do so; the remark, coming as Iran's leadership travels to New York, raises the prospect of the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war, and a potential breakthrough in the diplomacy.
- **Iran conveys conditions:** Iran has conveyed to Washington, through mediators including Qatar, a list of conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending its blockade of the Strait of Hormuz; the presentation of conditions, alongside President Trump's openness to a meeting, suggests both sides may be edging toward direct contact, whether through mediators or in person at the UNGA.
- **A potential breakthrough:** A Trump-Pezeshkian meeting, if realised, would be a significant step: the two leaders have not met during the war, and a direct encounter could open a path to a de-escalation, a reopening of the Strait, and an end to the nearly seven-month conflict; the prospect is the most significant diplomatic signal of this phase.
- **But unconfirmed:** The prospect should not be over-read: President Trump said only that he would probably be open to a meeting, not that one is arranged; a meeting would require both sides to agree, and Iran has not confirmed it would meet President Trump; and President Trump's signals have repeatedly proved unreliable, so the prospect, while significant, is unconfirmed.
- **The gap remains:** Even if a meeting occurs, the gap between the parties remains real: Iran's conditions – the lifting of the US blockade, the end of the war, and, in its fuller demands, sanctions relief and recognition of its position on the Strait – remain far from the US position, and a meeting would be a start, not a settlement; the underlying issues would still have to be bridged.

WS Assessment: The prospect of a Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UN General Assembly is genuinely significant, and the most hopeful diplomatic development of this phase; if realised, it could open a path to a de-escalation. But it is unconfirmed, and the gap between the parties remains real; clients should watch the UNGA closely for a meeting or contacts, while holding posture until a durable de-escalation is confirmed.

3. BUT THE HARDER TONE PERSISTS – TRUMP WEIGHS A MILITARY MOVE, THE HOUTHIS STRIKE SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN WARNS THE GULF

- **Trump weighs a military move:** Even as he signals openness to a meeting, President Trump is simultaneously weighing his next military move against Iran, having said his next step could be to annihilate the regime; he cut short his weekend as tensions rose, and the harder tone persists alongside the diplomatic opening – a continuation of his shifting, dual-track approach.
- **The Houthis strike near Riyadh:** The Houthis have struck near Riyadh airport in Saudi Arabia, with flames and smoke reported, and have stepped up their attacks on the kingdom; the Yemen front remains hot, and the Houthi campaign against Saudi Arabia continues despite the proposed two-week truce, though the Houthis have, according to President Trump, agreed not to attack the United States.
- **Iran warns the Gulf:** Iran has warned regional countries that supporting renewed major US strikes against it could bring retaliation – a threat aimed at the Gulf states, including the UAE, that host US forces or facilitate US operations; the warning is a reminder that a US escalation could draw the Gulf states directly into the confrontation.
- **The Strait still shut:** The Strait of Hormuz remains effectively shut, with Iran continuing to operate its toll system through the Persian Gulf Straits Authority, which briefly regained online access this week; the blockade persists, and the diplomatic prospect has not translated into a reopening or an easing of the closure.
- **The underlying reality unchanged:** Beneath the diplomatic prospect and the harder tone, the underlying reality is unchanged: the Strait remains shut, the blockade persists, Iran and the US remain apart on terms, and no reopening or agreement has been reached; the prospect of a meeting is a hopeful signal, but the facts on the water have not changed.

WS Assessment: The harder tone – President Trump's weighing of a military move, the Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia, Iran's warning to the Gulf – persists alongside the diplomatic prospect, and the Strait remains shut. Iran's warning to the Gulf is a specific caution for the UAE. Clients should watch the UNGA while holding posture, and guard against a US escalation and a rogue attack.

4. THE UAE; THE IRAN-UAE THAW; THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **No confirmed strike on UAE territory:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack in the waters near the UAE in the latest period; the Houthi attacks in the latest period were on Saudi Arabia, near Riyadh, not near the UAE, and the Gulf tanker war remains at a lower intensity.
- **Iran's warning a caution for the UAE:** Iran's warning that regional countries supporting renewed US strikes could face retaliation is a specific caution for the UAE, which hosts US forces at Al Dhafra; while the Iran-UAE thaw is a mitigating factor, a US escalation could place the UAE at risk of Iranian retaliation, and readiness must be maintained against that contingency.
- **The UAE's favourable threads hold:** The Iran-UAE thaw, the Houthi pledge not to target non-Saudi commercial vessels, and the UAE's Fujairah export route stand, and the prospect of a Trump-Pezeshkian meeting and the easing threads further ease the regional picture; the UAE remains in a relatively favourable position, though Iran's warning and the harder tone keep the danger elevated.
- **US security posture:** The US has tightened its travel warnings for Saudi Arabia, banning government employees from areas near the Yemen border and from Taif and Yanbu, and has urged Americans to reconsider travel to the region; the threat environment across the Gulf remains heightened, and clients should hold high readiness and protect energy resilience.
- **The regional fronts:** The Yemen fighting rages, with the Houthis attacking Saudi Arabia; the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce, if agreed, would ease it; the Iran-UAE thaw and the Houthi pledge favour the UAE; but the harder tone, Iran's warning to the Gulf, the core blockade, and the rogue-hardliner risk keep the overall picture severe.

WS Assessment: The UAE remains in a relatively favourable position, and the diplomatic prospect is encouraging; but Iran's warning to the Gulf, the harder tone, the core blockade, and the rogue-hardliner risk keep the danger elevated, and a US escalation could draw the UAE in. Clients should hold high readiness, watch the UNGA, and protect energy and water resilience.

5. SHIPPING, OIL AND THE REGIONAL PICTURE

- **The Strait still shut, easing elsewhere:** The Strait of Hormuz remains effectively shut, with Iran operating its toll system and the blockade persisting; but easing continues elsewhere – recovering Saudi oil supplies through Oman's Sohar port and the resuming East-West pipeline, the Houthi pledge narrowing the Red Sea threat to non-Saudi vessels, and the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce – so the maritime picture is easing at the margins while the core route remains closed.
- **Oil historically elevated:** Oil remains historically elevated, with markets balancing recovering Saudi supplies against the continuing disruption around the Strait; a reopening of the Strait, or a breakthrough at the UNGA, would ease prices, while a US escalation or a reversal would drive them higher.
- **Gulf producers bypassing the Strait:** Gulf producers continue to bypass the blockaded Strait – the UAE through Fujairah, Saudi Arabia through Oman's Sohar port and the resuming East-West pipeline – easing the impact of the closure on the region's oil exports, though the Strait remains the primary route and its closure keeps prices elevated.
- **The Yemen front and the Red Sea:** The Houthis have struck near Riyadh and continue their campaign against Saudi Arabia, threatening the Bab el-Mandeb and Saudi Red Sea exports; the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce, if agreed, would ease the Red Sea route, but for now the second maritime front remains disrupted.
- **UAE approaches:** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory or ports, and no new attack near the UAE; vessels remain anchored off the UAE's east coast at Khor Fakkan, and the UAE's Fujairah ports continue to export oil bypassing the Strait. UAE-linked operators should continue to suspend all Strait transits pending a confirmed reopening.

WS Assessment: The maritime and energy picture is easing at the margins – recovering Saudi supplies, Gulf producers bypassing the Strait, the Red Sea threat narrowed – but the Strait itself remains shut and hostile. For UAE-linked operators, all Strait transits should remain suspended pending a confirmed reopening with verified safe passage.

6. DUBAI AND THE UAE

Operational Picture

- **A diplomatic prospect – but the harder tone persists, and no confirmed strike on UAE territory.** A potential Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UNGA is a significant prospect, even as President Trump weighs a military move and Iran warns the Gulf; the Strait remains shut. There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE. The Iran-UAE thaw, the Houthi pledge, and the Fujairah route keep the UAE in a relatively favourable position, but Iran's warning keeps the danger elevated.
- **COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW – THE PICTURE IS AMBIVALENT AND A US ESCALATION IS POSSIBLE.** With airports operating and the Gulf tanker war quieter, complete any deferred non-essential departure on scheduled commercial flights without delay. The picture is ambivalent, the Strait remains shut, and President Trump's weighing of a major escalation – which Iran warns could bring retaliation against the Gulf – cannot be discounted; completing departures now, while the window is open, remains prudent.
- **HOLD READINESS AT A HIGH LEVEL – A US ESCALATION COULD DRAW THE UAE IN.** Essential personnel should maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level; Iran has warned that a US escalation could bring retaliation against the Gulf states, and the rogue-hardliner risk persists. Review shelter locations and NCEMA guidance, keep go-bags current, and be prepared to shelter promptly on any alert. The UAE hosts US forces at Al Dhafra.
- **PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE.** The Strait remains shut, though oil has eased and Gulf producers are bypassing the Strait. Protect energy resilience; keep water, fuel and generator contingencies ready; the UAE's Fujairah exports provide a degree of insulation.
- **Shipping: SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS – THE STRAIT REMAINS SHUT AND HOSTILE.** Despite the diplomatic prospect and the easing elsewhere, the Strait of Hormuz remains effectively shut. Suspend all transits through the Strait, hold vessels clear of the Strait and the waters near the UAE, and treat the Strait as shut until a confirmed reopening with verified safe passage is in place.
- **Watch the UNGA; build on the UAE's favourable threads.** The UN General Assembly this week, with a potential Trump-Pezeshkian meeting, is the key event to watch and a possible inflection point; watch it closely. The Iran-UAE thaw, the Houthi pledge, and the Fujairah route keep the UAE favourably placed; build on them while holding posture until the Strait reopens and a durable de-escalation is confirmed.

Return Guidance: MAXIMUM Held, High Readiness – a Diplomatic Prospect, the Strait Still Shut

Westminster Security maintains MAXIMUM alert, with both Phase 1 (essential) and Phase 2 (non-essential) returns suspended and readiness at a high level. A significant diplomatic prospect has emerged – a potential Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UNGA – but President Trump is weighing a military move, Iran has warned the Gulf, and the Strait remains shut. Clients should complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, and watch the UNGA.

- **All returns – SUSPENDED:** Halt all inbound travel to the UAE until a durable, verified de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place; a diplomatic prospect with the Strait still shut is not a settlement.
- **Non-essential personnel – COMPLETE DEPARTURES NOW:** Use the open airports and the quieter period to finish any deferred departures without delay, on scheduled commercial flights; do not assume the picture will resolve favourably.
- **Essential personnel – high readiness:** Maintain shelter-in-place and evacuation readiness at a high level, review shelter locations, keep documentation and go-bags current, and monitor the UN General Assembly and any Trump-Pezeshkian meeting, whether the Strait reopens, a US escalation and Iran's warned retaliation against the Gulf, the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce, the Iran-UAE thaw, a rogue hardliner attack, and any strike toward UAE territory.

- **Business/compliance clients:** Review exposure given the US sanctions campaign, the standing threat, and the escalation; consult qualified counsel. This is not legal advice.
- **De-escalation path (MAXIMUM → HIGH):** A Trump-Pezeshkian meeting and progress at the UN General Assembly, a reopening of the Strait, the lifting of the US blockade, a confirmed ceasefire, an agreed Saudi-Houthi truce, and a durable de-escalation with verified safe passage would allow the alert to come down. The diplomatic prospect is the most promising yet, but the harder tone and the shut Strait keep this from being met; Westminster Security is ready to lower the alert to HIGH promptly once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.
- **Further escalation – the central risk:** A US escalation, which Iran warns could bring retaliation against the Gulf, a rogue hardliner attack, a collapse of the diplomacy, a strike on UAE territory, or an Iranian attack on Israel would deepen the emergency; Westminster Security will issue immediate updates.
- **Standing posture:** MAXIMUM, high readiness – a diplomatic prospect at the UNGA, but the Strait still shut, a US escalation possible and warned to bring Gulf retaliation, the easing threads and the UAE's favourable position holding; protect people first, complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, and watch the UNGA.

7. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **MAXIMUM ALERT HELD, HIGH READINESS – a diplomatic prospect ahead of the UNGA.** President Trump says he would "probably be open" to meeting President Pezeshkian at the UN General Assembly this week, and Iran has conveyed conditions for renewed negotiations – a significant prospect, potentially the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war. But Trump is weighing a military move, the Houthis struck near Riyadh, and Iran warns the Gulf against supporting US strikes. The Strait stays shut. There is no confirmed strike on UAE territory.
- **WATCH THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY – THE KEY EVENT, A POTENTIAL BREAKTHROUGH.** A potential Trump-Pezeshkian meeting is the most significant diplomatic prospect of the war and could open a path to a de-escalation; but it is unconfirmed. Watch the high-level week closely while holding posture.
- **NOTE IRAN'S WARNING TO THE GULF – A US ESCALATION COULD DRAW THE UAE IN.** Iran has warned that regional countries supporting renewed US strikes could face retaliation; a US escalation could place the UAE at risk. Hold high readiness against that contingency, notwithstanding the Iran-UAE thaw.
- **DISREGARD THE SWINGS IN TRUMP'S TONE – FOCUS ON THE UNDERLYING REALITY.** Trump's openness to a meeting alongside his weighing of a military move confirms his signals are mixed and unreliable. Disregard the swings and focus on the underlying reality – the shut Strait – which has not changed.
- **BUILD ON THE UAE'S FAVOURABLE THREADS; SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS.** The Iran-UAE thaw, the Houthi pledge, and the Fujairah route keep the UAE favourably placed; build on them. Suspend all transits through the Strait pending a confirmed reopening. Consult qualified counsel on sanctions exposure; this is not legal advice.
- **Monitor for:** (1) the UN General Assembly and any Trump-Pezeshkian meeting; (2) whether the Strait reopens or a US escalation occurs; (3) Iran's warned retaliation against the Gulf; (4) the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce and the Iran-UAE thaw; (5) a rogue hardliner attack; (6) any strike on UAE territory.
- **A diplomatic prospect at the UNGA – emergency updates to follow.** Westminster Security will issue immediate updates on any Trump-Pezeshkian meeting or UNGA development, any reopening of the Strait, any US escalation, any strike on UAE territory, or any major development, and will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.
- **This is the one hundred and ninety-second edition.** Day 205 of the war.

8. KEY POINTS

- **A POTENTIAL TRUMP-PEZESHKIAN MEETING AT THE UNGA – THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROSPECT YET.** President Trump says he would "probably be open" to meeting President Pezeshkian at the UN General Assembly this week, and Iran has conveyed conditions for renewed negotiations and for ending its blockade. A meeting, if realised, would be the first leader-level US-Iran contact of the war and could open a path to a de-escalation. But it is unconfirmed, and the gap between the parties remains real.
- **BUT THE HARDER TONE PERSISTS – TRUMP WEIGHS A MILITARY MOVE, THE HOUTHIS STRIKE SAUDI ARABIA.** Even as he signals openness to a meeting, President Trump is weighing his next military move; the Houthis have struck near Riyadh airport and stepped up attacks on Saudi Arabia; and Iran has warned regional countries against supporting US strikes – a threat to the Gulf. The picture remains ambivalent, with the diplomatic prospect set against the harder tone.
- **THE STRAIT STAYS SHUT – THE UNDERLYING REALITY UNCHANGED.** The Strait of Hormuz remains effectively shut, with Iran operating its toll system and the blockade persisting; the diplomatic prospect has not translated into a reopening. Oil remains historically elevated, though easing threads – recovering Saudi supplies, Gulf producers bypassing the Strait, the Houthi pledge, the proposed Saudi-Houthi truce – continue. The facts on the water have not changed.
- **IRAN'S WARNING TO THE GULF – A CAUTION FOR THE UAE.** Iran has warned that regional countries supporting renewed US strikes could face retaliation – a specific caution for the UAE, which hosts US forces. While the Iran-UAE thaw is a mitigating factor, a US escalation could place the UAE at risk of Iranian retaliation; readiness must be maintained against that contingency.
- **NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY – THE UAE'S POSITION FAVOURABLE.** There is no confirmed damaging strike on UAE territory, ports or infrastructure, and no new attack near the UAE; the Houthi attacks were on Saudi Arabia, near Riyadh, not near the UAE. The Iran-UAE thaw, the Houthi pledge sparing UAE shipping, and the Fujairah route keep the UAE in a relatively favourable position. But Iran's warning and the harder tone keep the danger elevated. Hold high readiness.
- **MAXIMUM HELD, HIGH READINESS – NO CONFIRMED STRIKE ON UAE TERRITORY. ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND EDITION. DAY 205.** A significant diplomatic prospect – a potential Trump-Pezeshkian meeting at the UNGA – against a persistent harder tone and a shut Strait; but no UAE territory has been struck. Both phases remain suspended; complete departures now, hold high readiness, suspend all Strait transits, protect energy and water resilience, and watch the UN General Assembly this week. Westminster Security will lower the alert to HIGH only once a durable de-escalation and a confirmed reopening are in place.

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DEPARTURES NOW, HOLD HIGH READINESS, SUSPEND ALL STRAIT TRANSITS, PROTECT ENERGY AND WATER RESILIENCE.

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